Revenue Department

G B No 1309 of 27.9.1858

Book No 41—42

Diary 28-9-1858

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 28th September 1858.

No. 41. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 23d August 1858, No. 3213.

In Consultation 23d August 1858.

Read Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 7th August 1858, Revenue Department.

(Here enter No. 1095.)

From Government 6th in Cons. 30th July 1858, *No.* 928 *Revenue Department.*

In the above Extract Minutes Consultation the Board are instructed to reconsider the subject of establishing Inland Salt Depôts along the line of Railway. Before carrying out these instructions, however, they would submit, for the consideration of Government, that the orders recently received for the introduction of the excise system, preclude the fulfilment of the Honorable Court's wishes, and render the further discussion of the Depôt question unnecessary.

2. The excise, as Government are aware, is to be introduced as soon as possible into Madras and Malabar, the Districts in which the Termini of the Railway are situated, and under that mode of administration, Government cannot interfere with the Manufacture or sale of Salt, except so far only as may be necessary for the security and realization of its excise revenue.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

No. 42. ORDER THEREON, No. 1309; dated 27th September 1858.

In pursuance of the wishes of the Honorable the Court of Directors, the Board of Revenue were in Extract Minutes Consultation 7th August 1858, No. 1095, asked to reconsider the question of establishing Inland Salt Depôts along the line of Railway; but referring to the instructions already* received from the Government of India, for the gradual substitution of excise for the present manufacture system, the Board report their opinion that the further discussion of the Depôt question would appear to be unnecessary. The Government, they add, under the excise system cannot interfere with the manufacture or sale of Salt except so far only as may be required for the security and realization of its excise Revenue.

* *Vide E. M. C. 6th July* 1858, *No.* 928.

2. The Government recognize the force of this objection and resolve that the further consideration of the establishment of Salt Depôts shall be deferred, at all events for the present.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Revenue Department

Extract from the Pro: of the Board of Rev. 23 Augt 58.

Pointing out the needlessness of discussing further the subject of Establishing Inland Salt Depots along the line of Railway—

For Orders.

With reference to Extract Minutes Cons 7th August 1858 №1095—

The Establishment of a system of Excise appears at first inconsistent with the right to the duty, at the moment of sale, owing to the enormous temptations to evade it,—the instructions on manufacture will be very severe & in fact amount to nearly the same degree of interference as exists at present. The necessity for the sort of interference by the establishment of depots will extend as regards as water. We cannot however acknowledge this, but the best plan will be to concur in the plan for the establishment of depots with the Govt. We

Nº 1309 RD.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 27th September 1858.

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from the Pro: of the Bd of Revenue
dated 23 August 1858 No 3213

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report their opinion that the pro-
priety discontinuance of the depôt system
would appear to be unobjectionable
Company. Concurring with the Board
in this opinion, the Govt resolve
to defer for the present the consideration
of the plan advocated by the Board
No Cons.

* vide E. M. C. 8th July 58, No 928.

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of the Establishment of Salt
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